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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS

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1. WE ASSUME THAT IN PROMISED MEETING TO CONVEY OFFICIAL
RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE ON ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS
(REF B)FONMIN SHEN WILL REITERATE ASSURANCES THAT ROC
WILL NOT DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WILL NOT SEEK TO
ACQUIRE A NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITY. IN THAT EVENT
YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH SUCH
ASSURANCES AND MERELY STATE THAT YOU WILL REPORT ROC'S
POSITION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT. FYI BECAUSE OF OUR CONTINUING
CONCERN OVER REPORTED SECRET REPROCESSING AND POSSIBILITY
THAT WE MAY APPROACH ROC ON THIS ISSUE, WE DO NOT WISH TO
CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT MATTER IS CLOSED WITH ROC RESPONSE
TO OUR DEMARCHE.

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2. SHOULD SHEN IN RESPONDING TO DEMARCHE REFER TO ROC'S
CONTINUED INTEREST IN GOING AHEAD WITH REPROCESSING
LABORATORY, YOU SHOULD AVOID A FORTHCOMING RESPONSE AND
NOTE THAT THE USG IS CONSIDERING ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE
OPERATION OF THIS LABORATORY., KISSINGER

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